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FROM CHARGE

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- 1. ON MY INSTRUCTIONS PAO GRESHAM MADE APPOINTMENT WITH SHAMS- UL ALAM, DG, MFA, AT 3:15 P. M. MAY 3 TO BRING UP THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:
- ( A) PROTEST CONTINUING FAILURE OF APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITY TO PREVENT DEFACEMENT OF USIS PREMISES ON TOPKHANA ROAD.
- (B) EXPLORE PRECISE NATURE OF INTENDED BDG COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES DONE TO USIS PROPTERTY IN BANGLADESH NOW THAT MFA NOTE RECEIVED ACCEPTING FULL RESPONSIBILITY OF BDG FOR PAYMENT.
- 2. ALAM STATED HE WISHED TO CLARIFY REMARKS MADE TO CHARGE THE PREVIOUS DAY. THE INTER- MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE WOULD DECIDE ON WHETHER PAYMENT WOULD BE IN CASH ( DOLLARS OR TAKAS) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OR BY PROVIDING DIFFERENT QUARTERS FOR USIS. HOWEVER THE QUESTION OF BUILDING A NEW CENTER IN DACCA WAS COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM THE COMPENSATION ISSUE. HE HAD NOT MEANT TO IMPLY THAT THE BDG WOULD UNDERTAKE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CENTER. THAT WOULD BE FINANCIALLY AND ADMINISTRATIVELY THE COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY OF USIS. THE BDG WOULD PROVIDE TEMPORARY QUARTERS FOR USIS TO MOVE INTO AFTER THE CURRENT LEASE EXPIRES OCTOBER 31 THIS YEAR. HE WAS AWARE THAT THE LANDLORD HAD REFUSED TO RENEW THE LEASE FOR LESS THAN A FULL THREE- YEAR PERIOD AND SAID THAT IF THE REMOTE POSSIBILHAIRMANSHIP. THE GB MEMBERS WILL NOT ELECT ANYONE AS CHAIRMAN UNLESS HE IS PERSONALLY KNOWN TO THEM, HAS DEMONSTRATED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE ILO AND ITS PROGRAMS, AND HAS SHOWN THAT HE HAS THE CAPACITY TO SOLVE THE PECULIAR LEADERSHIP PROBLEMS OF THE GB. IN OTHER WORDS. THE CANDIDATE MUST HAVE HAD SUBSTANTIAL EXPERIENCE IN THE GB.

- 3. VILLAVEIRAN' S EXPERIENCE IN THE ILO IN GENERAL, AND THE GB IN PARTICULAR, COVERS MANY YEARS. HE HAS A GOOD REPUTATION IN THE GB, AND IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY WORKERS AS WELL AS EMPLOYERS AND GOVERNMENTS. HE CLEARLY MEETS QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN.
- 4. ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL JENKS HAS ALREADY INFORMED THE OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY THAT HE HAS RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION FROM THE GOA OF VILLAVEIRAN'S DESIGNATION AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GB AND AS CANDIDATE FOR THE GB CHAIRMANSHIP. SOME GOVERNMENTS, AND WE CANNOT ESTIMATE HOW MANY, ARE INFORMALLY AWARE OF THESE FACTS. IF GOA WERE TO ATTEMPT TO SUBSTITUTE A PERSONALITY NOT KNOWN TO GB MEMBERSHIP, IT WOULD HAVE LITTLE OR NOCHANCE OF WINNING CHAIRMANSHIP.
- 5. IF GOA DECIDES TO RUN VILLAVEIRAN FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF GB DURING 1973-74 YEAR, IT SHOULD MAKE FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF THIS CANDIDACY TO GOVERNMENTS MEMBERS OF THE GB ASAP. RUSH

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